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Acid**

Examiner: Robinson, Hope

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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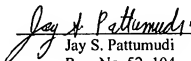
Dear Madam:

In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment," dated August 17, 2009, enclosed please find a substitute Amendment, correcting for the incorrect species. No new matter is added by any of these amendments, and the Applicants request entry of the amendments.

It is believed that no fee is required. however, if any fees are required, please charge the same to Deposit Account 50-4255.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This Response is provided in response to the Office Communication mailed August 17, 2009. Applicants respond as follows:

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.